



#16/
Amend P
A-Z

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of)
Joel S. Douglas, et al.) Group Art Unit
Application No. 09/828,874) 2877
Filed: April 10, 2001) Before the Examiner
OPTICS ALIGNMENT AND) Zandra V. Smith
CALIBRATION SYSTEM) February 24, 2003

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on

February 24, 2003

(Date of Deposit)
Matthew R. Schantz

Name of Registered Representative

Matthew R. Schantz

Signature

February 24, 2003

Date of Signature

AMENDMENT AFTER SECOND (NON-FINAL) ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 23 October 2002, please consider the following, providing a one-month extension of time, requested herewith. Additionally, please charge any additional fees that may be due to Account No. 23-3030, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

AMENDMENTS

In the claims:

Please amend claim 10 to read as follows:

10. (Twice Amended) A multi-use assay system for use with a removable test strip having a test pad, the multi-use assay system comprising:
an electronics printed circuit board having an alignment fixturing;
an optics system for alignment with the removable test strip, the optics system comprising a lens, an emitter and a detector, wherein the emitter and detector are mounted in the electronics printed circuit board relative to the alignment fixturing;

RECEIVED
MAR 10 2003
TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2800